

MINUTES OF MEETING OF OCTOBER 7th, 1925.

The Board of Public Works met in the office of the Board, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, Md.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor,
William S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller,
John M. Dennis, Treasurer.

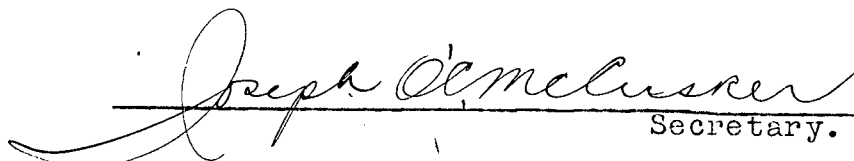
Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, State Purchasing Agent, took up with the Board the question of securing warehouse space for the warehousing of supplies to be purchased for the State. The lease on the quarters of the Central Purchasing Bureau at No. 22 Light Street, Baltimore, expires January 1, 1926 and Mr. Kirkman explained that it was his plan to give up his office space there and have office space in the building where he would have storage facilities. He stated that he would have to secure from some source other than the appropriation to the Central Purchasing Bureau about \$1500 to take care of the difference in rent. He had investigated three propositions for space, at the Crown Cork and Seal Co. Building, at the Coca Cola Building and at the building at Light and Lee Streets formerly occupied by the General Wholesale Company. The last mentioned was considered the best for the State's purpose and Mr. Kirkman was authorized to make the necessary arrangements with the agents for the building. The Board agreed to take care of the difference in rent for the period January 1st to September 30th, 1926, after which latter date the appropriation to the Central Purchasing Bureau for rent will be sufficient.

The Governor stated that it had been necessary to have considerable ^{work} done on the boilers at the Annapolis power house and that his fund for repairs had become almost exhausted because of other work which had been done. The Board authorized the payment of the bills of Henry A. Kries & Sons Co. of June 23, 1925, for \$969.59 and July 7, 1925, for 91.07, for the work, out of the Board's Contingent Fund.

The Secretary advised the Board of the receipt of a letter from the State Industrial Accident Commission wherein the Board was requested to invest \$110,000 of the cash belonging to the State Accident Fund in securities. The Comptroller and Treasurer suggested that State of Maryland securities purchased heretofore for certain of the State's sinking funds but the maturity dates of which are beyond the life of the loans for which the sinking funds are held, would be good investments for the State Accident Fund. The Board adopted the suggestion and authorized the Comptroller and Treasurer to arrange the investment by transferring securities selected by them of the par value of \$110,000 from the sinking funds, at par and accrued interest, to the State Accident Fund, in return for cash to be transferred from the State Accident Fund to the sinking funds.

The Secretary stated that he had been advised earlier in the day by telephone by Mr. Willis R. Jones, Assistant Attorney-General, that the North Avenue lot matter was progressing slowly, but that he anticipated the purchasers would be in position to make payment of \$225,000 by November 1, 1925.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.